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BOOK REVIEW

THE CORIXIDAE OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. H. B. Hungerford. Univ. Kansas Sci. Bull. 32: 1-827. 112 plates, 19 text fig. 1948. Reprinted 1977 by Entomological Reprint Specialists, Los Angeles, \$25.00. The reprinting of the late Dr. Hungerford's monograph on the western hemisphere Corixidae provides a most valuable service for aquatic entomologists. Although the basic text was published nearly 30 years ago, the value of the work is clearly reflected in the decision of Entomological Reprint Specialists to make it available once more.

Dr. Reece Sailer, a student of Dr. Hungerford's and an original contributor to the monograph, reviewed the book before reprinting. In his preface to the republished edition, Dr. Sailer stated "A quarter of a century after its publication *The Corixidae of the Western Hemisphere* remains unchallenged as the definitive work on classification and identification of water boatmen", a statement that is not likely to be debated.

Dr. Sailer has taken the opportunity in this reprint edition to include a revised key to the genus *Trichocorixa* so that original defects are deleted, making the key usable. He has also added a supplementary bibliography updating the literature to 1975.

A review of the book, written by Maurice T. James and published in the Annals of the Entomological Society of America (1949, 42(1): 47) summarizes the value of the book to entomologists. He stated "The identification of the American Corixidae which in the author's words 'has been a difficult and discouraging task for many years', should be greatly facilitated by this monograph." No subsequent work has replaced the usefulness of this book. Entomological Reprint Specialists are to be congratulated in making the volume available once more.

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